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**SEBREE, KENTUCKY DRUG DEALER SENTENCED ON
METH-TRAFFICKING AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

– Convicted felon brandished handgun

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **CHARLES RAYMOND BUCHANAN, JR.**, age 38, of 807 Gravel Pit Road, Sebree, Kentucky, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Paducah, Kentucky, for drug trafficking and firearms convictions.

Hon. Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Buchanan** to 10 years and 1 month, plus 3 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

Buchanan, convicted previously in 2002 of facilitation to manufacture methamphetamine in Hopkins Circuit Court, had pled guilty to the unlawful manufacture and attempt to manufacture methamphetamine; the possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute it; the possession of pseudoephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine; the possession of equipment and materials used to manufacture controlled substances; the possession of a Smith and

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Wesson 10mm handgun and a Beretta .22 caliber handgun by a convicted felon; and brandishing a

firearm during and in relation to the drug-trafficking crimes. The street value of the drugs recovered or which could have been made with pseudoephedrine exceeded \$1100. The offenses occurred in Trigg County Kentucky and elsewhere in the Western District of Kentucky on or about March 11, 2004.

Trigg County deputies and officers from the Cadiz Police Department responded to a call from motel personnel about a suspicious person. When they approached **Buchanan**, he took off running and stated he had a gun. When the officers pursued him, he pulled a firearm from a shoulder holster and first waved it in their direction, then put it to his head and threatened suicide. They persuaded him to put the down gown. Buchanan was then taken into custody.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Michele Thielhorn and David Sparks and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Pennyrite Narcotics Task Force, Trigg County Sheriff's Office, and Cadiz Police Department.

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